

## COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

ROKOSCH

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THOMPSON

CHILCOTT

DRISCOLL

Date.....December 27, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner James Rokosch,  
Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg  
Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

Florence Carlton School Principal John McGee and Roger DiBrito met with the Commissioners in regard to obtaining a letter of support for a newly formed School Committee named 'Safe Routes'. Present at this meeting were Road Supervisor David Ohnstad and Administrative Director Skip Rosenthal. John stated this committee will look at various funding available in order to develop a Master Plan for Traffic Safety for school children walkways. He also stated the specific grant funding they are looking at is \$50,000. In the future they hope to look at the available CTEP (Community Transportation Enhancement) funds. John stated it is important to address the future growth in the area by looking at possible funding and the need for safe walking travel for school children as this area will continue to grow due to its close proximity to Missoula. John specifically addressed Long and Iowa Avenues for growth and traffic concerns, presenting a handout.

Discussion included the easement for Long Avenue being 60'. It was noted Road Supervisor David Ohnstad is reviewing easement widths for certain roads in this area.

Skip Rosenthal noted they have \$388,000 in CTEP (non relegated funds) available through the county at this time. He indicated his willingness to assist the school in this regard but cautioned this process could take at least a year.

Roger stated he feels comfortable with their 'visionary approach' to the Safe Routes Program. Paving and sidewalks are an easy straightforward approach to traffic safety. They have support from numerous business and stake holders (both public and private) in this endeavor for grant monies. He noted this \$50,000 can be utilized for planning but it is important to use some of this money for paving, particularly on Long Avenue. The Safe Routes to School Program application needs to be submitted by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The

Commissioners can either submit a letter or sign off on the application. Roger noted the funding is awarded to the School through a reimbursement program for any funds the school expends.

**Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to sign a letter of support for the application of grant funding as discussed here today by the Safe Routes Committee. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

The remainder of the day was spent in office management.